(ग) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या हैं?

इस्पात और खान मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री रमेश बैस) : (क) उपलब्ध जानकारी के अनुसार, उदारीकरण के बाद 1997-98 तक देश में छह इस्पात संयंत्र (एक लाख टन वार्षिक क्षमता से अधिक क्षमता वाले) स्थापित किए गए हैं।

(ख) और (ग) नौंवी पंचवर्षीय योजनावधि में इस्पात संयंत्र लगाने के लिए सरकार ने कोई प्रावधान नहीं किया हैं।

Development of Mining Sector in Bihar

2135. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of money allotted to Bihar for the development of mining sector during last and current financial years;

(b) the actual amount utilized by the State during the above said period;

(c) whether more funds have been sought by the State for this purpose during the current year; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI RAMESH BA1S): (a) and (b) As per the information furnished by the State Government of Bihar, the details of allocation made for mineral sector in the State Budget for the financial years 1997-98 and 1998-99 and details of expenditure against these budget provisions are given in the Statement *(see* below)

(c) The State Government has not indicated any details as regards whether more funds were sought by the State Government for this purpose during the current financial year.

(d) Does not arise in view of part (c) above.

Statement

Details of allocation made in the State Budget for mineral sector and expenditure made out of the, provision.

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	YEAR	STATE BUDGET PROVISION	EXPEN-DITURE
Plan	1997-98	389.00	318.60
	1998-99	600.00	17.00*
Non Plan	1997-98	415.00	304.80
	1998-99	1524.53	589.71'

*Approximate upto December, 1998

Referral Price of Steel

2136. SHRI V.N. GADGIL: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to fix a referral price for steel to stop dumping but an increased price than, what was decided by interministeral commute; and

(b) whether the decision would benefit some people by Rs. 5000 crores as mentioned by Mr. Mohan Guruswamy in his recent article in Asian Age?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) Government has fixed floor prices for certain flat products of finished steel including seconds and defectives to restrict their cheap imports. The Working Group constituted by the Finance Minister under the Chairmanship of Shri CM. Vasudev, while, inter-alia recommended fixation of floor prices, did not decide any specific price to be used as the floor price.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.